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1. During January the military authorities in the Shanghai area were using force to recruit men for the Army as a part of the aid to Korea movement. Recruiting is on a larger scale in the area around Shanghai than in the city itself, with the result that there has been a large influx into the city from neighboring villages.
2. Every Shanghai street and lane has an "Anti-Communist Secret Service Group". All residents are required to be affiliates and report to the leaders of the group all evidences of anti-Communist activity with the names of suspects involved. Failure to report results in imprisonment. Leaders of the group interrogate new arrivals from Hong Kong, in some cases for as much as three days, on conditions in Hong Kong and on the treatment of Chinese there, as well as on the individual's personal history, political opinions and future plans.
3. A movement to encourage anti-Communist elements in the Shanghai area to surrender voluntarily to the authorities is being intensified.*

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- * Comment. Official local government reports published in the Shanghai press state that approximately 4800 anti-Communists have surrendered voluntarily since the beginning of the movement, most being members of an "anti-Communist army", in Shanghai. Most of these surrendered men have been released in the custody of guarantors after a week of indoctrination.

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